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TAGS: PINS, AEMR, CASC, PREL  
SUBJECT: TFRW01: SITUATION AS OF 1845 EDT, 04/09/94  
REPORT NO. 16

1. (U) A THIRD CONTINGENT OF BELGIAN PARATROOPERS LEFT

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BRUSSELS LATE SATURDAY FOR NAIROBI TO ASSIST WITH EVACUATION EFFORTS. EARLIER SATURDAY A SEPARATE CONTINGENT OF ABOUT 400 BELGIAN PARATROOPERS LEFT MELSBOEK MILITARY AIR BASE. (AFP)

2. (U) THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THAT ABOUT 100 OF THE 300 GERMAN CITIZENS IN RWANDA HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY BY CONVOY. (REUTERS)

3. (U) AS OF 1815 EDT WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT APPROXIMATELY 80 AMERICANS WHO LEFT RWANDA BY CONVOY HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY IN BUJUMBURA. APPROXIMATELY 70 AMERICANS IN TWO CONVOYS WILL CROSS THE BORDER INTO BURUNDI EARLY TOMORROW MORNING.  
(TELCONS EMBASSY KIGALI/EMBASSY BUJUMBURA/TFRW01)

4. (U) AT 1820 EDT BUJUMBURA CHARGE LEONARD LANGE REPORTED THAT THE FRENCH CONSUL IN BUJUMBURA HAD TOLD HIM THAT THERE WERE 40 VEHICLES HEADING TOWARDS THE CITY. WE PRESUME THAT THIS IS A CONVOY OF PRINCIPALLY EUROPEAN CITIZEN EVACUEES FROM RWANDA; IT IS NOT KNOWN  
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IF THERE ARE ANY AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE CONVOY.  
(LANGE/TFRW01 TELCON)

5. (C) BELGIAN MILITARY TOLD DATT BRUSSELS THAT FRANCE IS PUTTING ANOTHER 750 TROOPS (IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT 250) INTO THE KIGALI AIRPORT. WITH THE ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL IN THE REGION AT 0100Z EDT OF 800 BELGIAN PARATROOPERS, THAT WOULD PUT A TOTAL OF 1800 EUROPEAN TROOPS AT THE AIRPORT, WHICH DAO ESTIMATES IS SUFFICIENT TO SECURE THE AIRPORT AND SURROUNDINGS.  
(TFRW01/DAO BRUSSELS TELCON)

6. (U) A REUTER CAMERAMAN IN KIGALI REPORTED THAT ROADBLOCKS IN THE CITY ARE MANNED BY LARGE GROUPS OF YOUTHS WIELDING KNIVES AND HANDGRENADES. THEY ARE THREATENING TO ATTACK AND KILL FRENCH AND BELGIANS.  
(REUTERS)

7. BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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